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Big bucks — but at what cost?

T.L. Witt photo

Slot machine players on the President Casino in downtown St. Louis hope to hit the next big payoff. There is no question that casino gambling has been a benefit to Missouri and Illinois, especially East St. Louis, where Casino Queen revenues have helped turn the city around. But at what cost, both for the cities and the players? See The Big Picture, 4A.

Deadline set for GC Superfund cleanups

Aug. 31 final day for residential requests

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Tri-City residents in areas affected by the NL Taracorp Superfund Site cleanup have until Aug. 31 to sign up for soil testing and possible remediation.

GRANITE CITY The U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency will hold a final series of three meetings next week to discuss the clean-up. Meetings will be held Wednesday, June 30, and Thursday, July 1.

The Wednesday meetings will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Venice-Lincoln Technical Center, 300 S. Fourth St., Venice, and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Granite City Public Library, 2001 Delmar Ave., Granite City.

Thursday's meeting will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the Granite City Public Library. The 16-acre NL Industries-Taracorp site was a secondary lead smelter and refining plant from 1903 until 1983. Lead contamination from the site, including airborne smelter stack emissions and battery

chips, have been identified in a number of residential areas in Granite City, as well as unincorporated Eagle Park Acres, Madison and Venice. In Granite City, the affected area is southwest of 25th Street between Adams and Monroe to the Taracorp site. In West Granite, the affected area is roughly bordered by West 23rd Street, Missouri Avenue, West 20th, McKinley, St. Louis, Walnut, Chicago, Cedar, Denver and West 22nd.

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Fitzgerald opens long-awaited Southern Illinois Senate office

Chicagoland freshman looks at 18 sites before selecting Glen Carbon as downstate headquarters

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., who has been a strong supporter of Southern Illinois, has put his money where his mouth is with a new office in Glen Carbon.

MADISON COUNTY The Republican first-term

from the Chicago suburb of

Palatine attended the May 13 grand opening of his office at Ginger Creek Village 7B.

"We had between 350 and 400 visitors," said Christine Sullivan, deputy state director for Fitzgerald. "It was a family event, and we had fried chicken. (Fitzgerald) was here for two hours, and people had their pictures taken with the senator."

"Downstate is important to him," Sullivan said. "He wants

to make sure all the voices down here are heard in Washington." She described Fitzgerald as an "honest, sincere, intelligent and incredibly down-to-earth person."

"Downstate people cringe at the Chicago machine or Chicago getting all the money. He actually loves to come down here and talk to them," Sullivan said.

Fitzgerald defeated the

Democratic incumbent, Carol Mosley-Braun, in November's Senate election and took office in January.

Fitzgerald, whose family banking fortune is estimated at about \$50 million, is a self-described Ronald Reagan admirer. His critics had said he would not beat Mosley-Braun because of his pro-gun, anti-abortion conservative stances. Fitzgerald settled on the

Glen Carbon location after looking at about 18 other office locations in Southern Illinois because of the large populations in Madison and St. Clair counties. The office represents 35 counties — from just south of Springfield to the southern tip of Illinois.

Sullivan and Sarah Daniel, Fitzgerald's Southern Illinois associate director, are preparing the office. However, they've visited about 15

counties already. In the office, they perform constituent services by mail and telephone, attend events when their boss isn't available and take steps to apply for project grants. Sullivan said Fitzgerald's offices in Washington, Springfield and Chicago deal with such issues as legislation and immigration.

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County computers almost ready for Y2K

20 percent still need work

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

With only about 20 percent of the county's computer systems not yet ready for the year 2000, Madison County's Director of Information Systems is absolutely confident that the task will be completed in time.

MADISON COUNTY "The re is no 'probably,' we will be ready," Patrick Morrison said. He said the so-called Y2K scenario is serious. "It's real, and it's not going away. There is no second chance," he said.

Morrison said the county has been working on getting

ready for the new millennium since about 1996. "Our first step was to contact our vendors to see when we would get the (software) versions that were Y2K compliant," he said.

He said the county's general ledger and accounts payable computer programs were ready in 1997.

Many of the departments in county administration have spent this year buying new computers that will be Y2K compliant and to make them compatible with the new software, Morrison said.

At last week's the county board meeting, three

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Beautification project

Students from Madison Middle School volunteered their time Thursday afternoon to plant flowers at the intersection of Madison Avenue and 14th Street.

Two men arrested in Pontoon burglary

Granite City also seeks suspects

By Mike Hall
Staff writer

Two St. Louis men were arrested late Friday evening in Pontoon Beach for an alleged burglary.

PONTOON BEACH They may be the individuals who recently burglarized several homes in Granite City.

"I'm in contact with the Granite City Police Department. There's a strong possibility that these suspects were involved with the break-ins there," said Det. Charles Luehmann of the Pontoon Beach Police Department.

A Pontoon Beach police officer was dispatched to

Georgetown Apartments in Pontoon Beach about 11:07 p.m. Friday in regard to two suspicious subjects. Arriving on the scene, the officer saw one of the subjects fleeing from an apartment. The suspect was chased on foot a short distance before he was taken into custody. The other was apprehended about an hour later.

About a half-hour earlier, on the 2900 block of Edwardsville Road in Granite City, a woman, a police report stated, saw two individuals exit an older model car. They walked up to her residence and looked through the front and rear windows before trying to

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Journals Job Fair set for June 30

Positions in many fields available at first event

By Julie Devlin
Correspondent

The first Suburban Journals Job Fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 30 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 901 N. First St., on Laclede's Landing.

Candidates looking for work in a variety of occupations, from entry level to management positions, will find an assembly of companies on hand to interview them and explain company objectives, job requirements and salaries.

Andrea Raines, classified advertising manager, and Tony Young, recruitment classified manager of the Suburban Journals, are coordinating the event and expect it to be a success because of the overwhelming response from companies eager to participate.

"There will be a mix of various companies looking for employees for all types of occupations," Raines said.

"The job fair is a shared benefit for the employers and the candidates. The candidates will be able to get on-the-spot interviews and the employers have time to visit hundreds of candidates in one day."

Young said the job fair is a great opportunity for job seekers to meet the employers face to face, get to know what they are about and decide if a particular job is something they're interested in.

"There will be at least 40 companies from all over the St. Louis area looking for employees. The more companies, the more jobs — and we think it will be an event that will do well and find jobs for people," Young said.

Participants who wish to find a job in a particular field should dress professionally and

bring a resume, Raines said.

"A person who is professional and well prepared is what employers are looking for," Raines said.

Young and Raines, along with other sales representatives from the Suburban Journals, will be on hand to assist employers and make sure the fair runs smoothly.

"It's a tight job market right now and employers are looking for every avenue possible to look for candidates and job seekers save time and money for both the employer and the candidate," Raines said.

The Embassy Suites is centrally located so that people anywhere in the St. Louis metropolitan area can attend. Limited free parking is available at the site.

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Police Blotter

Venice Police

• **SEX ASSAULT:** An alleged sex assault early Saturday morning is being investigated by Venice police. According to reports, at about 3 a.m., police responded to a 911 call that a woman had been beaten and raped.

When police arrived at the woman's home, they found her sitting on her porch crying.

She told police she had accepted a ride from an unidentified black male driving a two-door red Chevrolet IROC Camaro. When they arrived at her home, she said he asked for a glass of water, then pushed her into the house when she opened the door.

The man allegedly beat and choked her, then raped her.

• **AGGRAVATED BATTERY:** An earlier confrontation may have led to a fight Friday.

A Venice man reported that two people — identified by police as a 20-year-old East St. Louis resident and a 16-year-old Madison juvenile — assaulted him in the Lee Wright Homes area at about 2 p.m. Friday.

The man said he was in front of his apartment playing dominoes when the two came up to him and one of them grabbed a chair.

Blood donors can give gift of life at drive

By Nancy L. Ide
Staff writer

Blood donors give the gift of life, John Forbes says.

"Their gift helps someone in need," said Forbes, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region. "Blood donations are a direct connection to helping another person live."

The American Red Cross will hold its third annual Famous Faces/Famous Places Family Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Living World

at the St. Louis Zoo.

The event will feature many activities for families, including visits from and photo opportunities with "famous faces" such as Fredbird, Ronald McDonald, the Energizer Bunny and the River City Rascals' Ruffy.

Costumed performers from the Muny's upcoming "Meet Me in St. Louis" production will be on hand, as will KMOX-AM (1120) radio personalities Charles Brennan, John Carney, Carol Daniel and Randy Karraker.

Each presenting blood donor will receive a voucher

redeemable for admission to one of this year's Muny productions, a commemorative T-shirt and a family fun goodie bag.

In addition, children will be treated to hands-on activities in an activity area, which also will feature clowns and performances by magicians.

Pre-registration for the blood drive is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Donors can make appointments for the blood drive by calling toll-free (800) 583-8280 or visiting the Red Cross web site at www.redcrossstl.org.



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Granite Superfund lead cleanup deadline set for Aug. 31

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In Madison, the area involved in the cleanup extends from the border with Granite City and along Kennedy and State south to Sixth Street and Rhodes.

The Venice area is bordered by Rogan, Meredocia, Douglas, Selb and Salvester.

Since the cleanup project started in 1994, more than 1,350 homes have been cleared of

contamination.

Last fall, the EPA turned remediation efforts over to the companies held liable for the problems. The companies dropped the EPA-hired OHM Remediation for residential cleanups in favor of ENTACT.

Brad Bradley, remedial project manager with the U.S. EPA in Chicago, said property owners who fail to sign up by Aug. 31 are ineligible to have the cleanup paid out of the

superfund.

For those who do not participate in the superfund cleanup, Bradley said the presence of lead contamination could decrease property values or force property owners to pay for removal of the lead before the property could be sold.

"It's something that the real estate agents and the banks would have to worry about," he said.

Bradley said the residential cleanup and capping of the Taracorp pile will be completed by Dec. 31.

After that, the only part of the cleanup remaining will be controlling contaminated groundwater.

He said they would have a series of wells that would be used to monitor and control the contamination, and in several years — possibly as long as a decade — it would be fully contained and controlled.

"We just need to be put in a containment system to keep the lead contaminated water from going out farther," he said. "We're basically stopping the contaminant from migrating."

For information about the cleanup call the U.S. EPA toll-free at (800) 621-8431 or ENTACT at 878-7218 during normal business hours.

Madison County computers ready for Y2K bug

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departments put in resolutions to purchase new computers for their offices.

The Information Systems Department is buying 14 microcomputers at a cost of \$24,840.30. The Building and Zoning Department is buying 11 microcomputers, for \$22,997.20, and the Chief County Assessment Office is buying seven microcomputers for a cost of \$13,206.20.

Morrison said he does not yet have an estimate on the total amount of money the county is spending on the Y2K upgrades, since there is still work to be done.

There are a few parts of county government that Morrison's department is not responsible for, like the Circuit Clerk and the Recorder of Deeds, Morrison said. But even they are ready, he said.

"Overall, Madison County is doing a great job. We'll be ready," he said. "They've had a few problems, but hopefully they won't be the major systems."

Besides computers and the software they use, Morrison said there are other systems he and his staff are responsible for.

"The telephone system at the Health Department isn't Y2K compliant," he said. And when they replace that system, they will also have to upgrade the PBX telephone switching system at the court house to handle the extra load, he said.

Morrison's confidence does not seem to be misguided. He said the Information Systems Department has a four-day holiday earlier this year to test the entire system.

"We look at the entire system down and backed everything up," he said. Morrison said it took about seven hours to "back up" or copy all of the computer files for the entire system.

"Then we brought the system back up, and set the time for midnight Dec. 31. We ran everything for four days, and tested everything we could test."

Morrison said the systems that were ready for the year 2000 ran and those that were not ready didn't run. "And that gave us a clear idea of what we had left to do," he said.

County Board member Alan Dunstan, D-Troy, is chairman of the Information Systems Committee, and he shares Morrison's confidence in the county's readiness.

"Everything looks good right now," Dunstan said. "By January first, we'll be up and running."

Dunstan said that his committee has worked with Morrison's department to send out information to be sure all county departments were aware of the Y2K problem, and then monitoring to see that everyone is ready.

Dunstan said a decision has not yet been made about what the county will do with all of the old computers that are being replaced. "It's something we're going to be discussing," he said.

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The Big Picture

'The best government money can buy'

The gambling industry has rejuvenated economically depressed towns in the Metro East, but what will be the ultimate cost?

From deserts to rivers, from Indian reservations to the Internet, from Main Street to Wall Street, gambling is everywhere at the end of the century.

A national survey of gambling behavior in 1976 found that one in three adults had never gambled. That figure has now decreased to one in seven. Gambling expenditures have increased from 0.3 percent to 0.7 percent of personal income.

Riverboat casinos, the state lottery and horse racing in Illinois grossed \$3.8 billion in 1997. In 1991, when the state licensed 10 riverboat casinos, total gambling revenue was \$2.7 billion. Casino revenue increased from \$14.9 million in 1991 to \$1.1 billion in 1998.

According to the Illinois Gaming Board's annual report, gambling has swelled the coffers of state and local governments. Depressed towns like East St. Louis

now can provide basic services like trash collection, which the city was without for seven years before the Casino Queen started pumping in \$10 million in revenue per year when it opened six years ago.

Gambling has made many headlines in the last two months, when the Illinois Legislature approved open gaming, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that casinos could show people gambling in ads and the National Gambling Impact Study Commission released a long-awaited report to Congress and President Bill Clinton.

The industry's recent gains are raising the stakes in what is becoming one of this decade's most contentious debates. Gambling opponents cite addiction, rising crime, political corruption and the victimization of the poor as reasons to ban gambling or restrict its growth.

Proponents say gambling creates jobs, development and tax revenue. According to the 4-year-old American Gaming Association, the industry employs 1 million people and creates 40,000 new jobs per year from gambling-related development.

Proponents also say opponents overstate their charges and use shaky research to back them up. "Experience has shown that the introduction of gaming entertainment expands the economic pie and helps

strengthen the economy in local communities," the gaming association's Internet site states.

One of gambling's most outspoken opponents is Tom Grey, a Methodist minister who runs the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling in Hanover, Ill. "It's not good economics," Grey said. "It creates addiction, bankruptcy, crime and corruption."

Grey said gambling influenced the political process when the Illinois Legislature passed a bill last month allowing open gaming and opening up Cook County to casinos. The bill would be the first major revision of the state's 1991 Riverboat Gambling Act.

"It's the best government money can buy," Grey said. Grey's organization has launched campaigns to place anti-gambling initiatives on ballots throughout the United States, Oregon and South Dakota voters

will vote on a ban on video gambling machines, he said.

"What we have is the power of the ballot box, and we intend to use it," he said. "My sense is that a few people are starting to feel the heat."

Contributions from gambling interests are estimated to be \$1.8 million in last year's election campaign, according to a study by Kent Redfield, a political science professor at the University of Illinois at Springfield. The industry ranks behind teacher unions, health care facilities, trade unions, manufacturers and lawyers and ahead of utility, insurance and real estate interests in lobbying.

Republicans received about 72 percent of the donations, which Redfield attributes to the party's control of the governor's office since 1979 and the location of casinos in suburban, Republican-controlled legislative districts. Most of the contributions went to Gov. George Ryan (\$340,397), House Republican leader Rep. Lee Daniels, R-Elmhurst (\$287,735), Senate President James "Pate" Phillip, R-Addison (\$226,325) and House Speaker Rep. Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, (\$120,000).

Given both the wide-open nature of Illinois' campaign finance system and the extreme centralization of legislative power in the hands of the four legislative leaders and



the governor, it is not surprising that campaign contributions from gambling interests flow to the centers of power within the legislative system," Redfield wrote.

The three lobbying factions are horse racing, casinos and those seeking to open new casinos. Their agendas are often at odds - established casinos don't want competition but want less regulation and taxes, and the struggling horse racing industry wants increased state support.

"If gambling interests as a whole have been less successful in the legislature than what might be expected, part of the reason is the policy conflicts," Redfield wrote. "The leveling off of total gambling activity in the state suggests that competition for gambling dollars is a zero-sum game. An advantage gained by one group results in a loss by another."

Redfield concludes that riverboat casinos have been successful in pursuing their agenda - prohibiting new casinos - while horse racing interests and those seeking to expand gambling have failed. The industry's economic and social effects are also a mixed bag.

According to the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, bankruptcy, health indicators and violent crimes do not significantly change in communities next to casinos. Unemployment rates and wel-

fare payments decline by an average of 14 percent.

Construction, hospitality, transportation and recreation earnings rise, while bar, restaurant and general merchandise earnings fall.

Per capita income stays about the same, meaning that communities reap more jobs but not better jobs. Community leaders perceive increasing levels of personal debt, forgery, credit card theft, domestic violence, juvenile crime and child neglect.

The survey also found that half of adults now play state lotteries, and about 28 percent visited a casino in the past year. Fewer people age 18 to 44 are gambling, while more people 45 and older are gambling.

"As it becomes more socially palatable, there are more people doing it," said Dennis Anderson, an associate professor at the Crime Studies Center at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Anderson said he thinks gambling addiction is increasing, especially among adolescents. Low-income people are more likely to get addicted to lotteries, he said.

"We do know that gambling behavior, especially for lotteries, is extremely regressive," he said. "Gambling is the only addictive behavior that's openly promoted by government."

Gambling addicts cost \$4 billion per year in social ser-

Help available for compulsive gamblers

15 million adults are at risk

A substitute teacher at a Lutheran school in Collinsville drove to a shopping center and killed herself after wagering all of her family's money at a casino.

A man fatally shot himself after leaving a suburban Chicago casino where he gambled with \$11,000 in credit card advances. Police found \$13 in his pocket.

These examples cited by former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon in Congressional testimony three years ago illustrate a growing problem in the gambling age.

Based on criteria developed by the American Psychiatric Association, the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago estimates that 2.5 million U.S. adults are pathological gamblers and 3 million are problem gamblers.

The center estimates that 15 million adults are at risk for problem gambling and 148 million are low-risk gamblers. The incidence of problem gambling doubles when people live within 50 miles of a casino. Problem gambling is more common in men, minorities and people who have mental or emotional problems.

Problem gamblers are more likely than drug addicts and alcoholics to commit suicide. Compulsive gambling is a behavior disorder that causes an uncontrollable urge to gam-

ble, according to the Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling. The behavior eventually disrupts the gambler's personal life, family relationships and job.

Gamblers Anonymous asks 20 questions that could indicate a problem. The questions include:

- Did you ever lose time from work due to gambling?
- Did you ever gamble to get money to pay debts or otherwise solve financial difficulties?
- Have you ever gambled to escape problems?
- Did gambling decrease your ambition or efficiency?
- Are you reluctant to use "gambling money" for normal expenses?

Warning signs include "chasing" - gambling to make up for losses - taking time off work to gamble, lying about wins or losses, feeling guilty about gambling and losing control over betting.

The types of gambling that can be addictive run the gamut from sports betting to the lottery to slot machines. Playing the stock market can be addictive, as can cards, dominoes and dice. Gamblers Anonymous holds 20 meetings per week in the bi-state area. The group's phone number is (314) 831-4444. The Illinois Council on Problem Gambling's toll-free number is 1-800-GAMBLING.

vices, creditor losses and economic productivity, according to the National Opinion Research Center study.

The industry's response to gambling addiction was to open the National Center for Responsible Gaming in Kansas City. The American Gaming Association also created a task force to raise public awareness and develop treatment programs. The task force recently developed a reference book for creating responsible gaming programs.

"The vast majority of Americans who enjoy gaming experience no problem whatsoever," the Internet site states. "However, even one person with a problem is one too many."

But many critics say the gambling industry and government aren't doing enough.

Violet Horvath, a graduate student at Washington University, is studying how gambling addiction affects child neglect. She said she has heard stories about children abandoned in cars or left at

home while their parents gamble.

"There's a lot of hidden stuff you don't see," she said. Horvath agrees with other experts that gambling is a complex issue that needs more study to develop sound public policy.

"There's still so much more we have to do, because it's such a complicated problem," she said. "Families are being ruined because of this," she added. "I'm not saying we should ban gambling ... but we need to look at the social costs."

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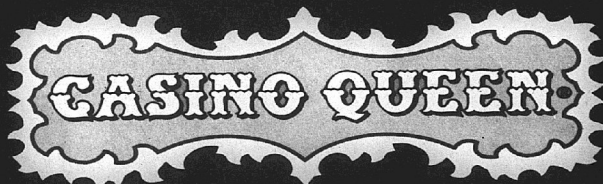
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Fitzgerald opens new Glen Carbon office

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Daniel, who lives in Godfrey, said she never was politically active growing up in Jacksonville but that her family consisted of Democrats.

"I've lived in Madison County for the last 25 years and became concerned about the way society was going."

"Sen. Fitzgerald was a state senator for six years. I read about him and believed in his conservative principles. I became a volunteer Metro East coordinator. It was an intense, exciting 11 months."

After he took office in January, he asked me to work in this office," she said.

Sullivan grew up in nearby Clinton County and moved to Springfield after college to work in state Rep. Lee Daniel's office.

"I tried advertising and marketing after that. But that was boring after doing politics for four years," she said.

In November 1997, Sullivan became Fitzgerald's political director. She attended events with him and soon was asked to run his southernmost office.

The office has three unpaid interns. Angie Klein is a senior at Mater Dei High School in Breeze; Megan Schlar of

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Peter Fitzgerald office manager

Godfrey is a senior at Illinois Wesleyan University; and David Schneider is a

sophomore at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Two arrested in burglary

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gain entry by ripping apart the front door. She heard the wood crack and yelled, "leave me alone."

The suspect then dashed to the car and fled the scene.

Granite City authorities would not release much information about any of the

burglaries because they are under investigation.

However, authorities feel that they may be solved before long.

"At this time, we have had some burglaries that are similar to the one in Pontoon Beach."

"We feel there will be an upcoming break," said Det. Ron Landman of the Granite City Police Department.

State Rules of the Road review offered Friday

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, in cooperation with the Granite City Senior Citizens organization, will offer a Rules of the Road review course at 9 a.m. Friday at the Nelson Hagnauer Granite City Township Building, 2660 Delmar.

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For example, let's look at a typical product. The numbers read 5-12-8. That means 5% nitrogen, 12% phosphorus and 8% potash. Incidentally, the numbers are always in that order on every fertilizer product, regardless of brand name. An easy way to remember it is they're in alphabetical order.

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planting a new tree or in helping your annual and perennial flowers put on a dazzling display. Last is potash (K), which contributes to cold hardness, heat tolerance and disease resistance. Many fall lawn fertilizers are high in potash to help prepare the grass plants for winter.

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Obituaries

Robert Andrews

ROBERT C. ANDREWS, 60, of Troy, died at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, June 20, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Jan. 3, 1939, in Troy. Mr. Andrews was director of product operations on the F-18 Hornet at McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing), where he had worked for 40 years.

He married the former Barbara Rohrer Aug. 24, 1959. She survives. Other survivors include his mother, Verna (Cochler) Andrews; a son, Kenton Andrews of Troy; two daughters, Lisa Caraker of Troy and Linda Andrews of Mascoutah; a sister, Sharon Peterson of Godfrey; two step-grandchildren, Sheri Tripplett of Troy and Kelly Caraker of Marine; and one step-great-grandchild, Alyssa Tripplett of Troy.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Andrews. Services will be held at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, June 23, at Irwin-Scott Chapel in Glen Carbon, with the Rev. Kevin Peterson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Mary Lindley

MARY E. (HENDRICKS) LINDLEY, 90, of Granite City, died at 11:10 p.m. Sunday, June 20, 1999, at Col-

onial Care Center in Granite City. She was born March 24, 1909, in Granite City. She had lived in Jacksonville, Fla., before returning to her native Granite City 40 years ago.

Mrs. Lindley was a homemaker. She was a member of the Granite City Senior Citizens and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include a son, Gerald K. Johnson of Cadet, Mo.; a sister, Ruth C. Johnson of Jacksonville, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Ernest Lindley Jr. of Cocoa Beach, Fla., George Johnson of Fort Benning, Ga., and Victoria McBride and Brian Johnson, both of DeSoto, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Lindley Sr.; her parents, George and Myrtle (Carnes) Hendricks; a son, William Cowley; three brothers, Wenzel, Harry and Raymond Hendricks; and a sister, Grace Winkler.

Services will be held at noon today, Wednesday, June 23, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Ivan Thurniger officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Raymond J. Malon

ROBERT J. MALON, 85, of Madison, died at noon Saturday, June 19, 1999, at Alexian Brothers Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born Aug. 13, 1914 in St. Louis. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison, Teamsters Local 600 in St. Louis and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Dittmann of Granite City; a sister, Julia St. Clair of Little Rock, Ark.; and two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Brian Dittmann, both of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Fannie (Licovali); a sister, Mary Nicholson; and seven brothers, Charles, Anthony, John, Frank, Joseph, Edward and Adam Malon.

Visitation will be held today, Wednesday, June 23, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sakas Mater Funeral Home in Edwardsville.

Services will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 24, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison, with the Rev. Jim Keefner officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Memorials to St. Mary's Catholic Church or the masses are suggested.

Thomas Savage

THOMAS T. SAVAGE JR., 36, of Caseyville, died at 8:31 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 1999, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

He was born Dec. 13, 1960 in East St. Louis. Mr. Savage was an operator for SGI Spectrolite Inc. in Madison. He was a member of the United Steel Workers of America Local 4804.

Survivors include his wife, Christine (Howard) Savage; two daughters, Amber N. Savage and Jessica L. Savage, both of Caseyville; his father, Thomas T. Savage Sr. of Collinsville; his mother, Vivian Savage, of Collinsville; and three sisters, Sandra Uhles of Granite City, Doreen Besserman of Granite City and Carol Smith of Maryville.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Debora Savage. Services were held Saturday, June 19, at Her Funeral Home in Collinsville, with the Rev. Jerry Casey officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

Memorials to the Education Fund for Daughters Amber and Jessica are suggested.

Mildred Schilling
MILDRED M. (HOFFMANN) SCHILLING, 85, of Waterloo, died Saturday, June 19, 1999, in Waterloo.

She was born April 12, 1914, in Vainmeyer. Mrs. Schilling was a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Mayestown and St. John Women's Fellowship.

Survivors include a daughter, Allen Neely of Fuels; two sons, Donald Schilling of Waterloo and Marvin Schilling of Fuels; seven grandchildren, Neal Schilling, Susan Koester, Terry Schilling, Thomas Schilling, Mark Schilling, Audra Baxter and Sasha Eames; and three great-grandchildren, Christopher Pohl, Bradley Koester and Michelle Lloyd.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emil F. Schilling; her parents Gustav and Maria (Gerke) Hoffmann; a sister Luella Trost; and two brothers, Herman and Elmer Hoffmann.

Services were held Tuesday, June 22, at St. John United Church of Christ in Mayestown, with the Rev. Paul Thompson officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery, Mayestown.

Memorials to the church are suggested.

Kenneth Shaw
KENNETH W. SHAW, 97, of Edwardsville, died at 9:50 p.m. Friday, June 18, 1999, at Eden Village Care Center in Glen Carbon.

He was born July 8, 1901, in Edwardsville. Mr. Shaw retired in 1968 from Wagner Electric. He was a member of a Trinity Lutheran Church in Edwardsville.

He married the former Clara Lange on Aug. 19, 1930, in Granite City. She preceded him in death Oct. 8, 1988.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth A. Shaw of Syracuse, N.Y.; a daughter, Elizabeth M. Shaw of St. Louis; a sister, Ruth Smith of St. Louis; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, William and Elizabeth (Reisel) Shaw; four sisters; and a brother.

Services were held Monday, June 21, at Weber Funeral Home in Edwardsville, with the Rev. Gary Galen officiating. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

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Frontier League team takes entertainment very seriously

Anyone doubting the sense of Collinsville mayor Stan Schaeffer and Madison County administrator Jim Monday opening their arms to the Gateway Grizzlies minor league baseball team should visit O'Fallon, Mo., as I did recently to witness the operation of a professional, independent minor league team.

Sure, a 17-16 Springfield victory against the River City Rascals might diminish the evening, but from the time I stepped onto the parking lot of the T.R. Hughes Ballpark, I knew they were a chance of an enjoyable evening.

Even though the Rascals might struggle on the field during their inaugural season in the 7-year-old Frontier League, the enthusiasm of the crowd of nearly 2,000 on a Wednesday evening never diminished.

And why not? There is no parking fee, ticket prices include a \$6 seat directly behind home plate and refreshments are reasonably priced. On this particular night, endless promotions included a visit by the Chicken (of San Diego fame). And the field dimensions contributed to another spectator delight: home runs.

All that, in addition to the cleanliness of the facility, availability of shops (almost like a mini-mall behind the home plate area), an excellent sound system and hospitality—all the way from the ticket sellers to the concessionaires to Rascals managing partner Ken Wilson, the highly recognized voice of the St. Louis Blues hockey team.

A biography of Wilson in the game program refers to his fascination for "the business of sports and its impact on the human experience," but the reality of such comes from his desire to provide family entertainment. After being introduced to Wilson by Bing Albert, an entrepreneur in his own right as owner of the West End Tavern in Millstadt, I was reminded that while the quality of the first-year team managed by former Cardinals player Jack Clark was not what I might have expected, the quality of the family entertainment was. "We want people to have fun," Wilson said.

While more than 300 players ages 20 to 27 applied from across the country for a spot on the Rascals roster, Wilson involved himself in designing a park that sits beneath street level, offers unobstructed viewing and has power alleys of 354 feet in left-center field and 325 in right-center.

A 50-foot high scoreboard in right field features advertising signs and serves as a target for hitters like Rascals first baseman Aaron Jaworski, a Wildwood (Mo.) resident whose first-inning blast over the board was majestic.

Jaworski, 23, was one of the nation's top run producers while playing college baseball at the University of Missouri. Scoring ahead of Jaworski was Mike Robertson, who singled in the first inning only to have the Springfield manager question if he had used an illegal bat.

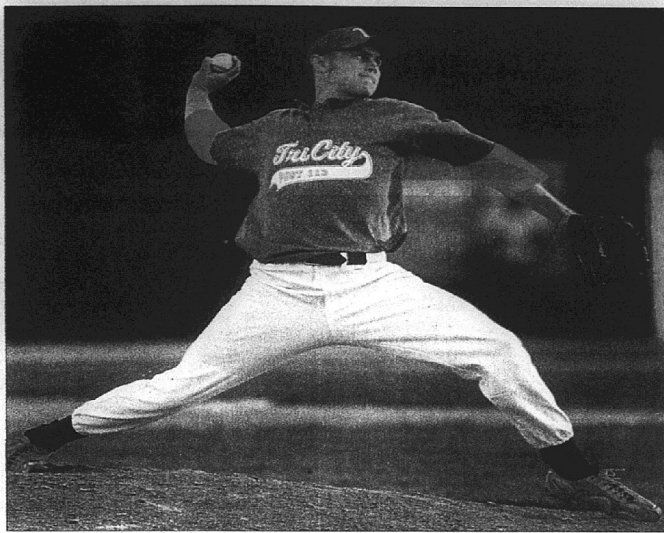
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Tim Stephenson photo

Tri City Legion pitchers Scott Scharden (above) and Sean Courtney suffered close losses in recent games with Edwardsville and Alton.

Tri City falls to Alton

Post 126 rallies with three runs in seventh

By Jeff Allsman
 Staff writer

The Alton American Legion team took out a little frustration against Tri City on Sunday night, avenging a loss from earlier in the day against Waterloo.

Alton Post 126 lost 11-8 to Waterloo before coming back to beat Tri City 5-4. Alton improved to 9-7 overall and 3-3 in District 22 action; Tri City fell to 2-5, all in league action.

Alton allowed three unearned runs against Tri City and almost handed Post 113 the victory. Alton manager Dennis Sharp is waiting for his team to change the errors of its ways.

"We're still battling (the errors)," Sharp said. "We've been fortunate early in the season to out-hit our errors. But it's catching up to us. We can't continue to make five errors in a ballgame and expect to win."

Alton won Sunday night despite its errors, but not without some last-inning heroics and a Tri City gift. Trailing 4-2 with one out in the seventh, Alton's Mark Cannon doubled to left field. Tri City shortstop Devin Mayes took the cut-off throw from the outfield and fired it over the head of the second baseman and into the bullpen in right field. Cannon circled the bases to make the score 4-3.

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Edwardsville opens season with 5-0 record

Post 199 scores 44 runs in two games, routing Cahokia and Dupu on Sunday

By Louie Korac
 Staff writer

The Edwardsville American Legion baseball team had plenty of exercise Sunday. Post 199, the defending national champion in American Legion baseball, sent its players around the bases 44 times in two games Sunday, posting a pair of victories and improving its record to 5-0.

Edwardsville exploded on Dupu Post 485 for 14 hits and 21 runs while being aided by eight Post 485 errors in a 21-3 decision Sunday afternoon.

Post 199 then crushed Cahokia Post 784 23-4 on Sunday evening.

Against Dupu (1-5), Edwardsville's Brett Zika pitched the first three innings to pick up his first victory of the season. Alex Kolakowski and Brett Zoelzer each worked an inning in mop-up work.

Andrew Honegger and Matt Bogle led the way offensively. Honegger was 3 for 5 with a triple, a double, three runs batted in and three runs scored.

Bogle was 3 for 4 with a two-run home run, a triple, a double and three RBI. Ryan Peterson — the offensive hero Saturday in a 5-2 eight-inning victory against Columbia — knocked in three runs for the second consecutive day. Todd Spitzke, Matt Turner and Adam Bernaiz each collected two RBI against Dupu.

Dan Lytle even got in on the action as the 6-foot-10 basketball standout roped a two-run pinch-hit double in the fourth inning.

Bogle, who began the Legion season in a slump, was among those happy with Post 199's offensive outburst. "It was good for me," he said with a grin. "I've got tendinitis (in his right wrist) right now and it's bothering me, but this was definitely good for me."

"We knew it wasn't going to be that great a game. You just have to keep doing what you are supposed to do, don't lay down or anything. You still have to go out there and play. It's real easy (to lose focus). You've got to watch yourself."

Edwardsville scored eight times in the second inning, nine times in the fourth and four more times in the fifth against Dupu pitchers Aaron Kremmel and Jon Catto. David Kollack came on to stop the bleeding for Post 581.

Edwardsville coach Ken Schaake used most of his players in the game, allowing Zoelzer, Kolakowski and Jake Buggier to see their first action of the season.

"I try to do that maybe a little more than some coaches will do at this level," Schaake said. "When there is

"We knew it wasn't going to be that great a game. You just have to keep doing what you are supposed to do, don't lay down or anything. You still have to go out there and play."

Matt Bogle
 Edwardsville Legion player

an opportunity to get them in sooner than I thought, then I'm gonna do that, and I did have plans today to get everybody into the games, whether it was this one (Sunday night's game against Cahokia). It's just nice to get them all in on one day. Have some of them get hits, do well."

"The last two guys that pitched haven't pitched in over a year, so in that respect, it's good."

Wesclin's Loudon made a habit of finishing the games she started

Senior pitched 22 complete games for regional champs

By Bill Hester
 Correspondent

Darci Loudon likes to finish what she starts. Loudon, who just completed her three-sport athletic career at Wesclin High School, started 22 games as a pitcher with the Warriors this spring. She finished all 22 of them and compiled some lofty statistics.

Loudon was 16-6 with an earned run average of 0.49. She allowed only 11 earned runs in 156 innings. She struck out 135 and walked 41 while hurling seven shutouts, including a no-hitter against Mascoutah.

"I thought it went pretty well," Loudon said of her senior season. "Some games didn't go as well as I hoped but it was a good season overall."

The season went well enough that Loudon was named the Class A girls softball Player of the Year for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

Loudon said she worked very well this season with senior catcher Jennifer Osborne.

"We had worked together as juniors and this year we knew each other well," Loudon said. "She is a good catcher."

The two also teamed up offensively in the biggest game of the season when the Warriors defeated Dupu 2-1 in the IHSA Class A regional championship game.

"Winning a regional championship was a major goal," Loudon said. "It's the first time that a girls team at our school has ever won a regional title. That is something I'm always going to remember."

Loudon was on the mound for the Dupu game — as she was for all but one Wesclin game this

spring — and she also scored both runs. "I hit second in the lineup and would get on a lot with bunts," Loudon said. "A lot of times when I would get on base, Jennifer would drive me in."

That scenario played out in both run-scoring innings against Dupu.

Loudon finished the season with a lofty batting average of .373.

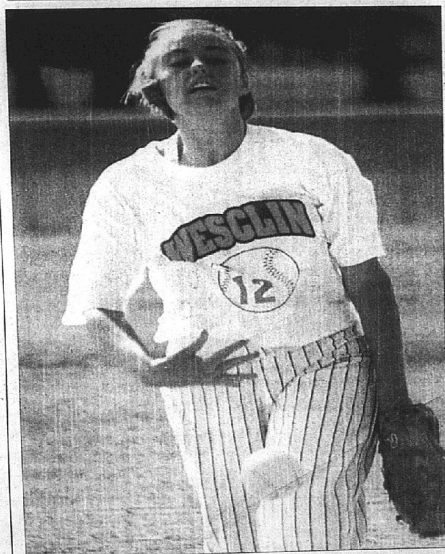
Despite her success in softball, basketball is her sport of choice for college. Loudon, a small forward who averaged 16 points per game for the Warriors this winter, will attend McKendree College in Lebanon. She is a 3-point shooting specialist who competed in a 3-point shootout during the state basketball tournament last year.

With her commitment to basketball, Loudon is going through a summer without softball for the first time in years.

"I've always had tournaments during the weekends and games on the evenings during the summer," said Loudon, who played in the National Softball Association World Series in Jupiter, Fla. last summer while a member of the Extreme. "I miss it."

Loudon is getting her softball fix as a coach this summer, helping her father, Tom, coach the Heat team. Her sister, Dorri, who will be entering eighth grade in the fall, is a member of that team, which won a tournament in Waterloo last weekend.

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T.L. Witt photo

Wesclin senior Darci Loudon posted a 16-6 record with a 0.49 ERA and also batted for a .373 average this spring.

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Trid High graduate Jessie Sanders is the closest thing the Southwestern North open volleyball squad has to a star. **PRAIRIE STATE GAMES VOLLEYBALL** comes to having a ringer in the team playing Prairie State Games.

Moss, currently an outside hitter for Saint Louis University, is the only player in the Prairie State Games a year ago because of an injury.

Southwestern North coach Miss Sanders is ecstatic to have Moss on the team.

"She should really be a strong outside hitter for us," Sanders said. "She brings a lot of toughness on defense. Being a college player right now while the rest of us are mostly ex-players, that helps us out a lot. She is a smart player at the net."

With the addition of Moss in the lineup, Sanders is hoping Southwestern North will advance to see some noise in the medal round this weekend.

"I'm excited about this year," Sanders said. "The last couple of years, we never came out of the first or second round in the pool. This year we should. We've

not good players from college."

Joining Moss on the front line will be Virginia Sparks, of Ramoth, on the walk, and beside her, Len Warden of Glen Canyon and Collinsville High graduate Amy Kleine will rotate with the middle. Laura Lee Padberg, of Ramoth, will be the team's utility player, filling a variety of roles.

"Amy will start in front and in the back," said Sander. "We just don't have one person to go to. We can mix up the game a little and give the players we had just one go-to player."

The women's squad will play a 6-2 offense with Jamie Moss, Jennie's sister, and Sander as the starters. The scholastic women's team coach, serving as the team's two star, is Jennifer Mank. She will rotate in for Coffman.

"We had good practices the last couple of weeks. We should be ready to go on Saturday," Sanders said. "With good passing the rest of our game will go. That is the key."

The runners club at John A. Renfro Elementary in Collinsville included 23 sixth-graders, nine of whom reached the 50-mile level. Those runners, and the miles they compiled from September to May, are: (from left to right) Robbie Holmes, 50 miles; Brittany Lowell, 50; Ryan Cocker, 75; Brian Dunbar, 125; Chris Carpenter, 125; Josh Markland, 50; Amanda Burr, 50; Eddie Jennings, 50; Ashley Koshinski, 50.

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Edwardsville has sights on defense of national title

Post 199 has experience of last season, knows the difficulty of winning World Series

By Louie Korac
Staff writer

Edwardsville Post 199 manager Ken Schaake had a simple reply when asked what his team could do for an

encore to the 1998 season. "Hopefully, we can do it again," he said with a laugh.

Easily said. What Edwardsville did last summer was capture the American Legion national championship to complete a 41-7 season. Edwardsville defeated Cherryville, N.C., in the final last year in Las Vegas.

Many of the players from that team are gone, but Schaake has a nucleus of pitchers and hitters with an eye on the 1999 Legion World Series in Middleton, Conn.

"I was really excited about the way last season turned out," said Schaake, who is entering his 22nd season as Post 199 manager. "We had different kids step up in every position that we played in, and when you think about it, they accomplished a lot. Many of them have gone on to college and I think they really realize just what they were able to do last year."

For me, it's something you'd like to say would happen every year, but until you experience it, you really don't realize just how difficult it is to go all the way."

Gone from last year are Post 199's top two pitchers — Ben and James Hutton — as well as shortstop Chad Opel, the 1998 American Legion Player of the Year, centerfielder Dave Crouthers, rightfielder Rory Kubla, first baseman Matt Evers, pitcher Brad Geronfendi, and catcher/designated hitter Todd Haug.

Edwardsville does return a lineup with experience from last year, however.

Nick Seibert returns for a full season in 1999 after joining the team late in 1998 because of a commitment with a traveling team from St. Louis. Seibert, 13-2 during the high school season, will anchor a pitching staff that features Chris Johnson, Brett Zika, Jake Schuetz and Alex Kolakowski.

"I'd rather be the chased than chasing someone else. It's nice to be on top and I'm sure our team will represent us with a quality team and a team that can be respected."

Ken Schaake
Edwardsville Legion coach

Other core players on the team include Matt Bogle, Tim Hansel, Andrew Honegger, Chris McCoy and Matt Turner. In addition, Edwardsville will look to a group that played for Brian Clawson on the junior division team a year ago: Ryan Peterson, Travis Riggs, and Beau Moody.

"A lot of the kids we do have back played for us last year," Schaake said.

While Edwardsville's goal is to be the best among the 5,300 teams in the nation, Schaake's everyday philosophy is simple.

"We try to give everybody a chance to play and open up some eyes of playing on the next level," Schaake said. "You look at some of the guys from last year: You have the Huttons playing at SLU (Saint Louis University), Chad Opel at SIUE, Crouthers at SIUE as well as Todd Haug. If these guys can get the exposure that will give them a chance to play on the next level, that's the overall objective and that's what we've always strived for in Edwardsville."

Schaake said Edwardsville doesn't mind being the team others will be trying to beat this summer.

"That's fine," he said. "I'd

rather be the chased than chasing someone else. It's nice to be on top and I'm sure our team will represent us with a quality team and a team that can be respected."

"We don't really have to motivate them a lot because this is a group of players that doesn't like to lose. Keeping them fresh will be important. We'll be playing a lot of guys on consecutive days and it'll be important to keep everyone from injury."

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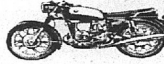
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Payday loan firms next target of AARP, General Assembly

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

The local AARP chapter, which successfully saw key bills through the Illinois General Assembly during the spring session, now will focus on a bill restricting payday loans with exorbitant interest rates.

The organization will help legislative sponsors set up a series of forums to gather information in support of the payday loan bill, said Amy

Paschedag of Edwardsville, chairman of the Illinois State Legislative Committee for the American Association of Retired Persons.

"Payday loans in Illinois are an insidious problem," said Pat Horn, an aide to state Rep. Thomas J. Dart, D-Chicago.

Paschedag said some senior citizens allow themselves to be talked into paying \$20 upfront for a loan against their monthly retirement and Social Security checks.

"There are no usury laws in Illinois, and some calculations are that people have to pay up to 1,800 percent for a payday loan," Horn said.

"Senior citizens, or anybody on fixed incomes, are particularly vulnerable to them."

Because they are on fixed incomes, seniors sometimes will gamble to extend their incomes. They may be tempted to take out high-interest loans with which to gamble, Horn said.

At the same time, the costs of prescriptions and other needs tend to be ever on the rise, she said.

"They find that these loans can be had easy as a song, but they could be in deep trouble if they can't pay them back."

The legislation, which may come to a vote in the fall veto session or next spring, would place a limit on rates; it also would require fair and adequate notice of interest rates and fees.

Paschedag said the loan

issue was left on the table while the AARP worked hard to pass an assisted living bill and a managed care patient protection bill.

"Thanks to the hard work of hundreds of AARP volunteers and the cooperation of our partners in the House and Senate, older Illinoisans should benefit from substantial improvements in their health and independence, particularly when it comes to long-term care," Paschedag said. "We now look forward to working

with Gov. George Ryan to make sure these bills are signed into law as quickly as possible."

The assisted living bill was a major and long-sought piece of legislation to the AARP. It creates two new types of senior housing: assisted living and shared housing, which are designed to fill the gap between living independently or in a nursing home.

The bill creates state guidelines for residency, appeals rights, construction, operation, licensure and closure. It also exempts all but full-fledged nursing homes from the state's certificate of need process.

The managed care bill would bar health maintenance organizations from shifting additional out-of-network referral costs to enrollees, establishes an external review process and creates a consumer health office within the Illinois Department of Insurance.

Peregrine Society marks 50 years

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

Few words in the English language are as frightening to people as "cancer."

It is one of the world's leading killers. A cure still eludes even the most determined medical experts. Since 1949, the Peregrine Society of St. Louis, 2543 Hampton Ave. in south St. Louis, has been helping people free of charge who are battling this devastating disease.

Clients can get important nutritional supplements, transportation to and from hospital visits, prostheses, walkers, wheelchairs and other vital supplies and services.

Every year, the Peregrine Society also sponsors a weekend trip to the Lake of the Ozarks for childhood cancer patients and an overnight trip to Six Flags. At Christmas, workers put together care packages for low-income clients.

Fred Wessels is the executive director of the Peregrine Society. The rest of the full-time staff includes Shari Cunningham, special events coordinator; Don Wilson, delivery coordinator; and Laura McQuay, the patient service coordinator. A number of volunteers also help the agency assist 3,000 clients a year in St. Louis and St. Louis County.

"We do feel like we have a unique mission," said Wessels, who also represents the 18th Ward on the St. Louis Board of Aldermen. "Because of that uniqueness, we get a warm response from our clients. I think that motivates us ever more."

Wessels accepted a job with the Peregrine Society after spending several years in administrative positions at City Hospital here and then at a teaching hospital in Saudi Arabia.

"I'd heard of the Peregrine Society, but, no, I didn't know much about it," Wessels said. "Really, I just saw a newspaper ad and applied for the job."

The society gets no government assistance. It relies on private contributions.

A group of local women started the Peregrine Society in 1949. The name still confuses some people who expect the society to be more dedicated to saving endangered peregrine falcons than helping cancer patients, Wessels said.

Actually, the society takes its name from St. Peregrine, a 13th-century Italian missionary who nursed the sick.

Clients come to the Peregrine Society through word-of-mouth or referrals from doctors, nurses or social agencies.

Often, they do not contact the Peregrine Society until after going through surgery, radiation treatments and numerous health-care agencies.

"They've already gone through a lot, and they're going to the doctors and talking to insurance providers," Wessels said.

"Cancer can be financially disabling as well as physically disabling."

It amazes some clients that the Peregrine Society does not charge for its services, Wessels said.

"Some people break down over the phone and cry," he said. "And because we're so small, there's not a lot of red tape. Often we can begin helping people the day after they contact us."

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Movie schedules

Film timetable for Wednesday, June 23. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE
170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.
344-1708
Tarzan (G) 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00
The General's Daughter (R) 12:45, 3:30, 7:05, 9:50
Star Wars (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:10, 9:55

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill.
254-5289
Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Tarzan (G) 2:00, 4:20, 6:45, 9:00
The General's Daughter (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
Instinct (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
Austin Powers 2 (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40

COTTONWOOD EDWARDS-VILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390
The Matrix (R) 7:00
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 7:15
Entrapment (PG-13) 6:45

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill., 233-0123
Doug's First Movie (G) 7:15, 9:05
October Sky (PG) 7:00, 9:15
My Favorite Marlin (PG) 7:10
Analyze This (R) 9:10

NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
Tarzan (G) 2:15, 6:45, 9:00
Austin Powers 2 (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00, 9:40

O'FALLON 15 CINE
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 822-4900
The Love Letter (PG-13) 1:45,

4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Tarzan (G) 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15
Tarzan (G) 11:45, 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45
Tarzan (G) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
Midsummer Night's Dream (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
The 13th Floor (R) 1:00, 5:35, 10:15
Life (R) 3:15, 7:45
Notting Hill (PG-13) 12:00, 2:45, 5:35, 8:30
Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
Entrapment (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 8:00
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The General's Daughter (R) 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15

QUAD CINEMA
Belleville, Ill., 233-1220
Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Tarzan (G) 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
Austin Powers 2 (PG-13) 1:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
Notting Hill (PG-13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50

ROXANA CINE THEATER
Roxana, Ill., 254-6746
The Mummy (PG-13) 7:00

ST. CLAIR 10
50 Ludwig Drive, 398-6383
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
The Mummy (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
Black Mask (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:20, 9:25
Trippin' (R) 1:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:20
Instinct (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
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6633 Center Grove Rd., 659-7469
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The Mummy (PG-13) 2:15, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15
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Route 3, 939-9997
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Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20
Austin Powers 2 (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
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Horoscope

Wednesday, June 23
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Love is expressed in many forms and sometimes it means not giving your loved ones everything they want every time they want it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Don't get overly beguiled over the packaging and forget to look at the product itself, especially in business situations. Take everything apart and look at the guts for its true value.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You must clearly and decisively clarify your goals and objectives today in order to be productive. If your targets are fuzzy, you're apt to miss the mark.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Trying to blend common sense with intuitive instincts can sometimes be an asset. However, today this method could produce confusion instead of keenness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Beware of persons bearing lavish praise and flattery today. Let it serve as a warning to you that this individual could have ulterior motives to take advantage of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A poor choice in an endeavor today. Make certain your partner can pull his or her own and be able to offer something special which you cannot provide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
You could be instrumental in causing someone to paint him or herself into a corner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Impatience is your worst enemy today, so if you're working on something rather complicated, take it slow

and easy.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Aries has a tendency to put their faith in the wrong people from time to time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The problems you have concerning a difficult job are all in your mind, not in the project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
What you think you want to do today may be based on false illusions about what others believe are fun.

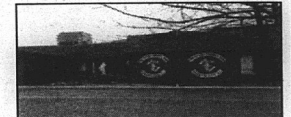


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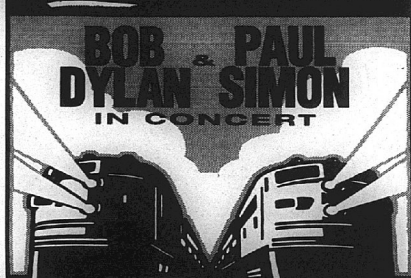
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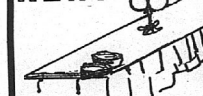
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Transit Board planning Alton and Wood River bus terminals

By Linda N. Weller
Staff writer

The Madison County Transit District Board plans to build

two more bus terminals in coming years: one in Alton and another in Wood River. Pending approval later this month by the East-West

Gateway Coordinating Council's board of directors in St. Louis, the transit district board will be able to take the first steps in getting two bus hubs built.

"This will complete the grouping of Edwardsville, Collinsville, Wood River, Granite City and Alton," said Bill Little of Alton, a member of the Madison County Board and the transit district board. Officials have learned that the district can receive \$3.6 million from the federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program during the next two fiscal years.

The grants, included in the T-21 Federal Transportation Act, provide 80 percent of

costs; the remaining 20 percent must be met locally.

The local money — about \$900,000 — is in Gov. George Ryan's Illinois First public works budget, state Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto said.

"I've been assured by the state secretary of transportation (Kirk Brown) that the funding is there, although it is not line-itemed out."

The bus stations would be similar to one opened in 1993 in Granite City and another under construction in Edwardsville on North Main Street, across from the Madison County Courthouse.

Part of the preliminary planning is determining viable

sites for the depots. Those decisions are based on environmental factors, traffic, current bus routes and schedules, said Jerry Kane, managing director of the transit district.

City officials in Alton and Wood River also would provide input on possible locations.

While no one yet is predicting where the two depots might be, Little and Kane confirmed speculation that a terminal could be built at Alton Square. The mall already serves as a "pulse site" for buses in the area, Kane said.

"There are a couple viable spots in Wood River," he said. The hubs would serve as park-and-ride sites for commuters who want to go to other hubs in the region, to St. Louis or to the East St. Louis MetroLink commuter train station — and for riders of local buses and smaller shuttles.

Special express buses also would provide transportation to St. Louis Cardinals baseball games, Fair St. Louis and other attractions.

The hubs would have passenger waiting areas; an office with a computer link to other transit depots; staff to handle door-to-door requests for rides from the disabled or elderly; a covered walkway; informational kiosks; and possibly a MetroLink ticket vending machine.

Kane said the hubs would increase ridership on the buses because of their convenience and transportation offerings.

The completion dates for the stations are unknown, Kane said.

He said the Alton terminal probably would cost \$3 million; the Wood River depot could cost \$1.5 million. Alton's federal funding likely would be included in the federal budget for fiscal year 2001, which begins Oct. 1, 2000.

Wood River's funding could come in fiscal year 2000, which begins this Oct. 1. "The way CMAQ funds work, it could be a couple of years away," Kane said about the funding preparation work must be completed before the money is released, he said.

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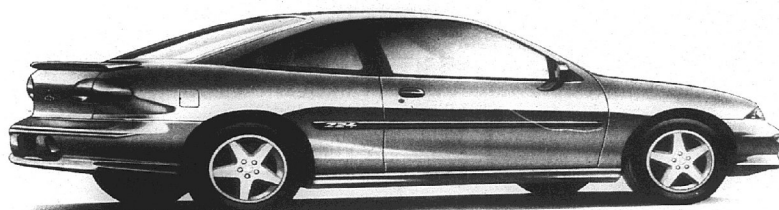
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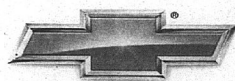
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Area women in trucking industry are subject of TV film

By Marge Wilson
Staff writer

In the fall, Europeans will likely be watching truckers from Millstadt and the women who supervise them.

Earlier this month, a film crew for a German educational television firm was at J.C. Hauling working on part of a three-hour documentary.

The subject: women in trucking. "We were interested in J.C. Hauling because it is run by women and I think this is unusual even in the United States," said Ulli Angermann, the ZDF reporter who came up with the idea for the story.

ZDF is the largest television broadcasting company in Europe, Angermann said. The station is located in Mainz, Germany, near Frankfurt.

For the segment, Angermann used a cameraman, sound man and producer from Washington, D.C. that German television often uses for news, she said. Angermann and her crew were in Millstadt for about three days before moving on to "The Giant" truckstop in New Mexico and another location in Denver. They spent a total of 10 days working on the program in the United States. In Millstadt, ZDF filmed the trucks from J.C. Hauling leaving early in the morning and then went on the road with the firm's only woman driver: Cheri Weaver. They watched Weaver make her daily rounds, including delivering gravel. They then interviewed her and had lunch with her.

The next day, Angermann interviewed the four sisters who own J.C. Hauling. The

sisters, who have no brothers, have always been into trucking from an early age.

Like her other sisters, Diana Wright said she "always played with trucks." Wright said they had dolls but they were fascinated with the trucks, probably because of their father's occupation. When Harold Fuels retired four years ago, the girls took over and are doing well. With their 60 trucks, they have contracts with Metrolink, hauling rock for the rail beds, did work on Mid-America Airport and hauled tons of rubble from the demolished St. Louis Arena to C & D Recycling in the National City stockyards. One advantage they have is receiving minority contracts.

However, this did not work for the Illinois Department of Transportation. An IDOT

representative said they don't have the skill to run the company as their father did, Wright said. They still have an application in with IDOT.

In spite of the problem with the state, the business seems to be doing quite well. "We're here to 6 or 8:30 every night, Monday through Friday," Wright said. The foursome, along with women who drive trucks throughout the United States, are doing well in what many consider to be a man's business. "Men drivers are all very pleased with women drivers," she said. "They say they are very safe."

Angermann said there are

fewer women in the trucking business in Europe. "There are not many women drivers in Germany, maybe five all over the country," she

said. But that could change once J.C. Hauling is profiled in Europe.

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Glen Carbon meetings may be aired

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

With the agreement between Edwardsville and Glen Carbon to share the cost of ECTV, the village now hopes to expand service to cover government meetings.

Glen Carbon Mayor Ron Foster recently appointed a Communication Committee in response to criticism by the three newest Village Board members that communication needs to be improved between officials and citizens.

But some board members now say they may need to re-evaluate the cable television agreement.

Trustee Ron Slesmer is a new member of the village's Cable Commission. He said that although Village Board meetings aren't terribly exciting to view, anything that helps the lines of communication is worth investigating.

"I can't speak for the (former) board that made those decisions. I'll bring it up with other (board) members. There are provisions to modify the agreement."

At a recent board meeting,

Village Trustee Larry Kacer said he wasn't sure what Glen Carbon was getting with its \$1,860 payments to Edwardsville Cable Television (Channel 6) each month.

"We'll be getting what some of us are currently receiving but we're not paying for it now," said Bill Kleffman, another member of the Cable Commission.

"In the long term, they will probably cover our board meetings." Under the current contract, Glen Carbon pays \$22,320 of the annual \$72,000 operating cost. The numbers are based on the populations of the two communities.

ECTV carries high school activities and other events that are of interest to both communities. However, the channel also covers Edwardsville meetings.

"We wanted to see if maybe we could do it on our own eventually," said Bob Buehler, a former trustee who handled most of the negotiations between ECTV and Glen Carbon. "First, we wanted to firm up some kind of an agreement to show school board meetings and high

school sports.

"We were not quite ready to do the Village Board meetings yet. There wasn't any particular hard stance on it. We just hadn't gotten around to it yet."

One new board member, Margaret Moggio, said televised board meetings likely would be beneficial to the community.

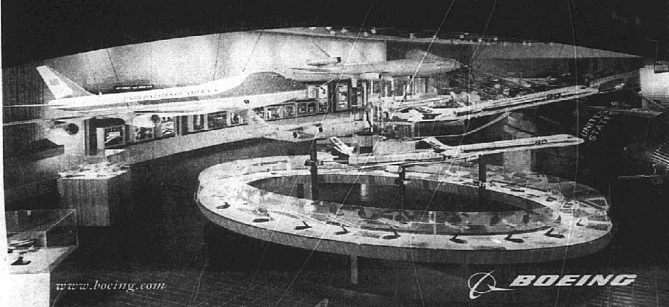
"If it's cost-effective and helps the village and its residents, I'm all for it," Slesmer said that the size and lighting of the board room are sufficient to televise meetings. The only remaining question may be whether to ask ECTV to film the meetings or whether village employees should do it themselves.

"We could buy our own equipment or contract it out," Slesmer said.

Kleffman has mentioned that the village could start its own station. If not, the ECTV contract leaves room for changes. The village also has a right to terminate the contract with a 90-day notice.

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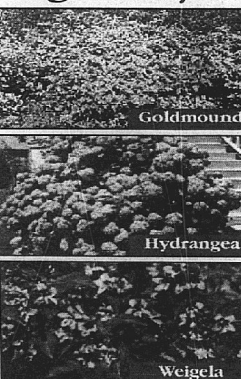
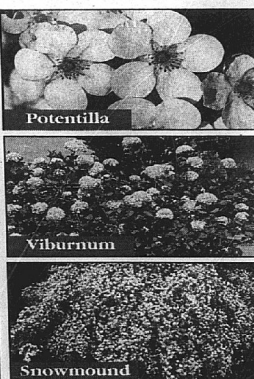
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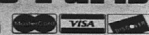
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Florida vacation inspires secretary from Waterloo

By Joe Leicht
Staff writer

A trip to Florida and a desire to change negative body images convinced a career secretary to become a sculptor of the body.

Theresa Edwards owns and operates Body Sculptors in Waterloo, licensed in Monroe County to provide the Body

Wrap, a patented inch-reducing process that has gained national attention.

The salon opened in January 1998.

National media coverage has spotlighted the Body Wrap. It promises a 4- to 6-inch-reduction in just one-wrapping guarantee.

Edwards was dubious when she first saw the Body Wrap on Good Morning America. "I first thought it had to be

a scam," said Edwards. "How could you reduce those inches in a one-hour session?"

Edwards discovered the process first-hand while vacationing in Florida, and was convinced enough to become a franchisee.

The promised inch loss, however, is cumulative, as pre-wrap and post-wrap measurements are taken at various places — thighs, calves, chest, wrists, torso and elsewhere.

Edwards explained that the Body Wrap differs from other wrap-type toning procedures in that it does not merely sweat out water weight.

Bandages soaked in an inorganic mineral solution are wrapped around the body from the feet to the top of the head. As the solution drips from the body and is captured in plastic bags bound around the feet and hands, bodily toxins such as artificial preservatives common in the American diet are leached through the pores and replaced by minerals.

The sculptor wraps the client more tightly at places where inch loss is most desired.

"The inch loss you see is from compacting the fat cells in the body and drawing those stored toxins out of those cells," Edwards explained. "You can't take a fat cell out of the body unless it's done surgically. But you can push those cells together."

Edwards said Body Wrap is not a good weight loss method as it reduces inches while not necessarily reducing body weight.

"Once you reduce inches with a wrap, those inches won't come back, unless you gain weight," Edwards said. "I recommend Body Wrap alone for people who want to permanently change their body image. They should see (Body Wrap) as a good start, then once they feel better in their clothes, they hopefully will want to take it to the next level and get into an exercise routine and start eating healthier foods."

Waterloo has been a good location for her shop, Edwards said. She draws many customers from south St. Louis county as well as the Metro East.



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St. Louis office catches wedding fever

By Clayton Berry
Staff writer

When employees in the "marriage department" of the St. Louis Recorder of Deeds' office decided to revive an old June tradition, they didn't know what kind of response they would get.

But "Brides Month" already has been a success, said office archivist Marie T. Ceselski. Every couple that comes in during June can register for more than \$2,500 in prizes.

In the past, the department would set aside one day in June to make things special for those about to be wed. This year, through, the festivities stretch all month long.

June always is a big month for the office, Ceselski said. Up to 20 couples a day come into the office in June to get a marriage license. Nearly twice that many crowded into Room

127 at city hall for one of the first days of Brides Month. "It's been overwhelming," Ceselski said.

Nearly three dozen local businesses and organizations have donated items. Many restaurants gave free dinners. Several hotels offered free stays. One couple, who said they could not afford a honeymoon, won a night at the Lemp Mansion bed and breakfast.

News of the event has drawn couples not just from the city but from St. Louis, Jefferson and St. Charles counties as well. The marriage licenses can be used anywhere in the state.

Dee Schmidt of Crestwood did not know she would be eligible for prize drawings when she came to city hall last week with fiancé Drew Babler to apply for a marriage license. The South County pair are planning a big wedding in

Branson at Silver Dollar City later this month.

"This is nice," Schmidt said. "I didn't expect this at all."

Two days this month, the city staff is going all-out to make grooms and brides-to-be feel special. On June 11, streamers, flowers and a big wedding cake made the department feel more like a wedding hall than a municipal office. All the employees dressed up for the occasion as well.

South Side couple Corinne McGrath and LeHarry Turner Jr. waited until June 11 to get married by a circuit court judge because they were told about the festivities when they applied for a marriage license earlier. The next special wedding event will be June 25. Both are days in which judges marry couples.

"We don't get a real wedding yet, so we should make it special," McGrath said.

The office staff, under the leadership of Recorder of Deeds Sharon Quigley Carpenter, is trying to make the time special for couples because a stop there is usually just "a bureaucratic step in the marriage process," Ceselski said.

Patricia Dixon and Wayne Smith, St. Louis residents, wore matching teal outfits for their date before a city magistrate June 11. Dixon was among the many brides who were given roses and carnations when they came into the office.

"I like the flowers because it gives you something to take with you when you go (to get married)," Dixon said. McGrath still was blushing as she and her fiancé grabbed a piece of cake and glass of punch on their way to exchange their vows.

"This is going to make a lot of people happy," she said.



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Susan has served the Granite City area for 16 years as a licensed Cosmetologist. She recently opened her own Salon in November of 1997. She also devotes time working at St. Elizabeth Hospital in the Emergency Room. Susan is a native of Granite City where she resides with her husband, Bob, and three wonderful sons

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Micro Raves
Warm peaches
hold their shape

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Put Best Foot Food



Blueberries and lemon pace flavors for squares of cheesecake.

Forward

Step up to party fare for guests or family

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Making a good impression is as important with family as it is with friends. It gets your foot in the door with people who are special. It puts people in a good mood and paves a path for a good deed to walk in the door in return.

Time of day is not important. It helps someone get out of bed on the right foot or boosts people to step up to excellence. It

rewards those who put their best foot forward.

All this from French toast, cheesecake and ice cream?

Ask anyone who has eaten cold cereal 28 days in a row or hasn't had cheesecake since wingtip shoes first were popular and the answer is a stiletto-sounding "Yes!"

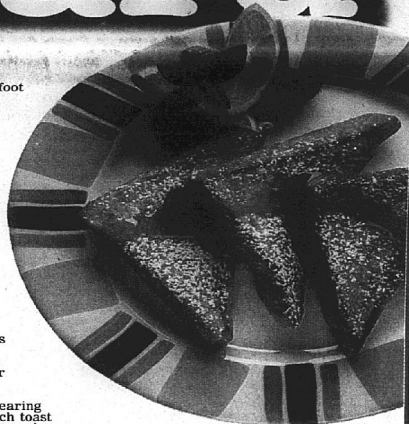
Look at the foods that come with summer. They are bright. They dance across plates decorated with bars and rings of cherry red, sunny yellow, apricot orange and grape green. These are hues that shine, that strut, that leave footprints.

Their flavors add zest. They burst with juice and pace themselves to give surprises to old-fashioned ideas, like peaches with pork and peppers with plums.

Their sweetness comes with the gentleness of fruits slipped under soft peel and fits, yes, like an old, comfortable shoe.

Make an early impression by wearing flip-flops at the stove to cook French toast with an aromatic tinge of cinnamon and orange. As simple as bread, eggs and milk, it is made with regular white bread squares or can be gussied up with raisin bread.

Its beauty is enhanced with a sprinkling



As incentive to answer the alarm clock, tasty French toast walks in for breakfast.

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Wise Ways

Need for milk's calcium lasts throughout lifetime.
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Heart-y Bites

Dip into produce patch for taste of summer.
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Blue Ribbon Cook

Cheese filling takes cover between crescent rolls.
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Test Run

Tangy yet sweet, lemonade makes cool enjoyment.
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Lively Taste

Combine 2 large cloves garlic, crushed, and 2 teaspoons water in microwave-safe cup. Microwave on high power 30 seconds. Stir in 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard, 1 teaspoon leaf basil, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice. Spread on both sides of steak, chops or fish steak. Grill as desired.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

The Handbook for Avoiding Drug Side Effects is a patient-oriented book that can help determine whether medications may interact and adversely affect other health conditions. This book is available for \$13 from Land Publishing Corp., P.O. Box 26993, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33320. Information about the book is available by calling (954) 721-6956.

Fresh Picks

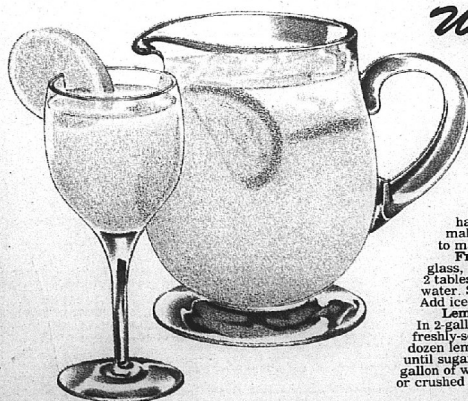
Fresh vegetables are the "new kid on the block" everyone wants to grill. Additional flavor comes by lightly coating them with nonstick cooking spray and sprinkling with dry herbs, or tossing them with Italian salad dressing. Thickly sliced vegetables — like eggplant, squash and onion — can be cooked lightly before moving to a grill for faster results. Using 1-1/2 pounds vegetables to 1/2 cup salad dressing is a handy reference.

Big Fat Tip

Red bell pepper peps up fish. Melt 1 teaspoon margarine in medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add 1 large red bell pepper, chopped; 1/4 cup chopped onion, and 1 clove garlic, minced. Cook and stir about 5 minutes until tender-crisp. Stir in 2 tablespoons water or chicken broth, 1/4 teaspoon leaf thyme, pinch of salt and dash of pepper sauce. Simmer 10 to 15 minutes until most of liquid is absorbed and vegetables are soft. Process in food processor until smooth. Serve warm over grilled or broiled fish.

Future Shop

Chai is a drink made of tea and brewed spices, such as ginger, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and cardamom. When it is made only with spices and tea, it contains no calories or fat and negligible sodium. However, each cup of chai often is sweetened with 2 to 5 teaspoons honey, providing 40 to 100 calories. Some versions of chai also include about 1/2 cup steamed milk.



When life deals lemons...

Squeeze Lemonade

Those who live far from beach yards with citrus and palm trees find it hard to believe real lemons make lemonade. Kids find it fun to make their own.

Fresh Lemonade for One: In a glass, combine the juice of 1 lemon, 2 tablespoons sugar and 3/4 cup water. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Add ice cubes.

Lemonade by the Gallon 'n' Half: In 2-gallon container, combine 1 quart freshly-squeezed lemon juice (about 2 dozen lemons) and 3 cups sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Blend in 1 gallon of water. Serve over ice cubes or crushed ice.

30-Calorie Lemonade: Dissolve 1 cup plus 3 tablespoons equivalent-measure granulated sugar replacement and 1/4 cup sugar in 1/2 cup boiling water. Add 2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon peel and 1-1/2 cups freshly squeezed lemon juice (about 9 lemons). Store, covered, in refrigerator. For each glass of 30-Calorie Lemonade, stir together 1/4 cup lemonade syrup, 2/3 cup cold water and ice cubes.

Kids' Cuisine

Today's Food

Bite into peachy dessert

By Betty Serati
Correspondent

The only summer experience better than biting into a delicious piece of fresh, juicy, sun-ripened fruit is to bite into a luscious

dessert made from it. Fruits lend themselves to simple, salad-like desserts or elegant flambe creations.

The fruits of summer—including peaches, plums, cherries and berries—are delicious chilled or hot.

Simplicity rules as they can be served with or without a sprinkling of sugar to bring out their natural sweetness or combined with other ingredients.

Lemon juice, which brings a pleasant tartness, also helps prevent peaches, pears, apples and bananas from discoloring. A touch of a fruity or almond liqueur or extract also intensifies the natural fruit flavors.

Microwave cooking maintains the vibrant colors and flavors of summer fruits. Their texture is more appealing, too, because the quick cooking method does not break down fruit fibers like conventional cooking.

These desserts using fresh peaches are designed to be served hot. The recipes can be the start of wider enjoyment, because other fruits can be used.

Betty Serati specializes in microwave cooking.

NUTTY PEACHES WITH CREAM

3 large peaches, sliced 1/4-inch thick
1/2 cup pecan halves
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
1/2 cup brown sugar
Vanilla ice cream

In microwave-safe dish, cook pecans and butter 2 minutes on high power until pecans are toasted, stirring occasionally. Stir in brown sugar and peaches. Cook 2 to 3 minutes until peaches are tender.

Spoon ice cream into dishes. Top with hot peach mixture.

Makes 6 servings.

Best Food

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of confectioner's sugar, a thin drizzle of light syrup and bite-size pieces of fresh fruit.

More than 30 lower-fat serving ideas like this French toast that "Celebrate Bread" are available in a brochure offered by the American Bakers Association. To receive one, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Celebrate Bread Brochure, P.O. Box 413708, Kansas City, Mo. 64141-3708.

For the other end of the day, cheesecake or ice cream is in order.

Lemon Blueberry Cheesecake Squares leave the starting gate with a cookie-like crust of oats

CINNAMON-ORANGE
FRENCH TOAST

3 eggs
3/4 cup skim milk
1 tsp. granulated sugar
1/4 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. grated orange peel
Pinch of salt
8 slices sandwich bread
1 tsp. butter or margarine
1 tsp. confectioner's sugar
1 cup light pancake syrup

In shallow bowl or pie plate, beat together eggs, milk, granulated sugar, cinnamon, orange peel and salt until blended.

Cut bread in half to form triangles.

In large nonstick skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Dip bread in egg mixture, turning to coat both sides well.

In skillet, arrange as many bread triangles as fit in single layer. Cook 2 to 4 minutes on both sides of bread until golden brown, using spatula to turn bread. Repeat until all bread is used.

Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar. Drizzle about 1 tablespoon syrup per slice over French toast.

Makes 16 triangles; 187 calories, 6 g protein, 32 g carbohydrate, 4 g fat, 297 mg sodium and 0.7 g dietary fiber per 2 triangles.

and toasted pecans. A cheesecake layer has lemon flavor and a light cheese profile. For a topping, plump fresh blueberries promote the seasonal line with blueberry syrup. Ginger and almonds, honey and oats flavor the granola that provides

LEMON-BERRY
CHEESECAKE BARS

1 cup uncooked oats (quick or old-fashioned)
3/4 cup flour
3/4 cup plus 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup chopped, toasted pecans
1/4 tsp. baking soda
6 tsp. margarine or butter, melted
2 pkg. (8 oz. each) neufchatel (light cream) cheese, softened
2 tsp. flour
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. grated lemon peel
1 cup blueberry syrup (light, if available)
2 tsp. lemon juice
2 cups fresh blueberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat 13-by-9-inch metal baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

For crust, combine oats, flour, 1/3 cup brown sugar, pecans and baking soda in medium bowl. Mix well. Mix with margarine until crumbly. Press into firm, even layer on bottom of pan. Bake in preheated oven 10 minutes.

For filling, beat together cream cheese, 3/4 cup brown sugar and flour in large bowl until creamy. Add eggs, vanilla and lemon peel. Beat well. Spread evenly over crust.

Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes until set in center. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Chill.

To serve, cut cheesecake in squares. Spoon mixture of blueberry syrup, lemon juice and blueberries over bars.

Refrigerate leftovers. Makes 24 squares; 180 calories, 9 g fat, 30 mg cholesterol, 165 mg sodium, 25 g carbohydrate, 5 g protein and 1 g dietary fiber each.

STUFFED PEACHES

6 large ripe peaches
6 bakery-style sugar cookies
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1-1/2 tsp. almond extract
1/2 cup whipping cream
1/4 cup confectioner's sugar

Peel 1 peach. Cut it in half, remove the pit and puree it in food processor or blender.

In plastic bag, crush cookies with rolling pin into fine crumbs. Four crumbs into peach puree. Stir in granulated sugar and 1 teaspoon almond flavoring until well mixed.

Wash, but do not peel, remaining peaches. Cut in half and remove pits. Place peaches cut-side up in microwave-safe baking dish. Spoon cookie filling into each half.

Cover with waxed paper. Cook on high power 5 to 6 minutes until peaches are tender.

Beat whipping cream until soft peaks form. Stir in confectioner's sugar and 1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring. Serve over hot peach halves.

Makes 10 half-peach servings.

crunch in contrast to ice cream and nectaries in sundaes.

Seven more recipes are available from Quaker Oats. To receive the set, send name and address to: Lower-Fat Baking Recipe Cards, P.O. Box 487, Chicago, Ill. 60690-0487.

GINGER GRANOLA
SUNDAES

3-1/2 cups uncooked oats (quick or old-fashioned)
1/2 cup honey
1/3 cup sliced almonds
1/4 cup salt, if desired
4 tsp. (1/2 stick) margarine or butter, melted
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. ground ginger
1/4 tsp. salt, if desired
1/4 cup finely chopped, crystallized ginger
8 scoops (1/2 cup each) light vanilla ice cream or low-fat vanilla frozen yogurt
3 nectaries, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, combine oats and almonds. Mix well.

In small bowl, combine honey, margarine, vanilla, ground ginger and salt. Drizzle over oats. Mix well. Spread evenly in 15-by-10-inch jellyroll pan.

Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes until golden brown, stirring every 10 minutes. Remove from oven. Stir in candied ginger. Cool completely.

Store tightly covered. To assemble sundaes, place several slices nectarine in bottom of dessert dish or bowl. Top with 2 tablespoons granola mixture and 1 scoop ice cream. Top with more nectarine and 2 tablespoons granola.

Makes 8 servings; 220 calories, 7 g fat, 25 mg cholesterol, 55 mg sodium, 36 g carbohydrate, 6 g protein and 2 g dietary fiber each.

Tips: Fresh or frozen (thawed) peaches can be used in place of nectaries. To omit crystallized ginger, increase ground ginger to 1 tablespoon. Leftover granola mix can be stored, tightly covered, up to 1 week.



Refrigerated or ever-ready lemonade comes to the aid of parched throats.

Lemonade tracks quest to quench summer thirst

The vast array of beverages used to quench thirst in the summer led testers to try lemonade—four from the refrigerated dairy section and one new shelf-stable condensed variety.

"I've always liked the tang of lemon. I use little pieces of it fresh in water all the time. Lemonade has to somehow find a balance between that tang, plus the sweetness of sugar with it," a tester said to sum up the challenge.

Local markets stock a variety of 2-quart cartons of lemonade already chilled for drinking. Testers tried Pevely, Tropicana, Minute Maid and Dair-E, which is carried by Dierbergs. The other variety tried was a 24-ounce plastic bottle of liquid concentrate from RealLemon which, with water, made 4 quarts, twice as much.

Prices varied greatly and, because of the season, sales constantly kept prices in flux between chains in the same week. Prices the week of the test ran from 77 cents to \$1.66, with the condensed RealLemon lemonade priced at \$2.50. Three of them—Dair-E, Pevely and Minute Maid—cost less than \$1.

Preferences ran the gamut from those who wanted it much sweeter to those who judged the lemon's "nip" on a personal scale. Most tried them two at a time.

Tropicana took high marks for sweetness. One tester said it was "milder, more mellow" than Minute Maid.

Another said, "Tropicana is yummy. I like a real lemonade, not a sweetened punch."

Several thought Minute Maid left a bit of bitterness behind.

A tester added, "I like Minute Maid, but I can see others may not like its flavor emphasis. It has a tangy lemon

undertone, more as if a little rind is left in."

Tropicana, a tester noted, was the only brand that seemed to have a little pulp. Another called it "more natural tasting" than Pevely or Dair-E.

Pevely gave one tester a satisfying drink straight from the refrigerator, as well as on ice.

"I generally like all my cold drinks with lots of ice and this was good because it seemed to be more mellow as it became diluted," she said.

The carton of each of the refrigerated varieties claimed its contents had 12 to 15 percent juice.

A taster of several thought bitterness came from the variety of lemons and lemon flavor used. She added another scenario to the test.

"Say it's a hot summer day. If the Pevely were iced, it would be very weak. On the other hand, ice down the Dierbergs Tast-E and that bitter tad would tend to give the quench we need in a cool ade drink on a hot day," she said.

The shelf-stable, liquid concentrate was viewed as more of a sweetened "ade" drink than one of the refrigerated varieties.

"The pink lemonade seems mostly 'ade' and not much 'lemon.' I don't pick up that powerful citrus flavor inherent in good lemonade. This is really ultra sweet, even for me," a taster said. Another added that offering it in the pink gave an immediate sense it was not "natural," whereas the others are the "right" color for lemonade. It comes in both pink and yellow.

One drawback to the refrigerated varieties is that they need to stay refrigerated and do not keep beyond a reasonable time, whereas the RealLemon would keep for first use longer, a tester reminded others.

Rolls of dough hide cheese

Vernice Robertson, Catawissa, is the winner of this week's recipe contest for Cheesecake Bread. The prize is dinner certificates from the Pasta House Co. The quick and easy dessert does not call for many ingredients. She and her husband do not care for cheesecake, but this rendition with the cheese sandwiched between ready-to-bake rolls is just as delicious, she says, without as much richness.

Recipes in the Dips Recipe Contest should be postmarked by June 30 for an opportunity to win one of four Wednesdays in July. Share the recipe for a dip that often makes its way to the patio.

In addition to sending in a recipe, tell how you actually make it. Any story behind the recipe counts as part of the entry. Along with taste and eye appeal, it forms the basis for selecting winners. Originality will be considered, although the recipe need not be original.

A single household can submit a single recipe. Send it to: Dips Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131. It also can be e-mailed to westnews@primary.net.

If possible, name the recipe's source. Include the name of the Journal you receive.

Double-check directions and specific amounts, giving variations that individualize the recipe.

Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

CHEESECAKE BREAD

2 pkg. refrigerated crescent roll dough
2 pkg. (8 oz. each) neufchatel (light cream) cheese, softened
1 egg, separated
1 cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
Confectioner's sugar, if desired

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat 13-by-9-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Without separating rolls, unroll 1 package dough and lay flat in pan.

Cream together cream cheese, egg yolk, 3/4 cup sugar and vanilla until well mixed. Pour over dough to 1/2 inch of edge. Lay dough from second package of rolls over cheese mixture. Seal edges of dough together so cheese mixture does not escape.

Mix egg white and 1/4 cup sugar. Brush over top of dough to create glaze.

Bake in preheated oven about 30 minutes until lightly browned on top. Cool. Before serving, sprinkle top with confectioner's sugar.

STUFFED CUCUMBER SLICES

Stripe 1 straight, firm cucumber, about 6 inches long, by running fork tines down the peel the length of

the cucumber. Scoop out center, using small sharp knife.
Beat 1/4 cup cottage cheese with 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, 1 tablespoon chili sauce and 1 teaspoon

Worcestershire sauce until well blended. Stuff the cucumber and chill.
To serve, slice 1/4-inch thick.
Makes about 24 slices, 5 calories each.

Broccoli's healthy outlook appeals with color, crunch

By Alissa Becker
Correspondent

"You must eat your broccoli before you are excused from the table," echoes for many people from their childhood. It was hard to understand why this was so important to mothers. It turns out mom knew what she was talking about.

Eating broccoli as part of a healthy diet can help lower risk of heart disease and cancer.

These crunchy little green "trees" are rich in vitamins, high in fiber and low in calories — and taste better than when they were eaten under a threat.

Broccoli, along with other members of the cabbage or cruciferous vegetable family, may guard against some types of cancer.

Onions, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts are cousins.

These vegetables also have varying amounts of vitamin C, beta-carotene, folic acid, calcium, iron and phytochemicals.

It is hard to stop talking about how good these phytochemicals are. As micronutrients, they may reduce risk of heart disease and some cancers.

Because they are numerous and vary by content — and scientists still are finding out about them — among fruits and vegetables, it is best to count on getting them from food rather than dietary supplements.

This salad gives broccoli Oriental flair and makes a delicious side dish for summer meals.

Alissa Becker is a dietetic intern at the Veterans Administration Hospitals, writing on behalf of the nutrition committee of the

American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

ORIENTAL BROCCOLI SALAD

1/2 cup pineapple juice
2 tbsp. vinegar
1 envelope zesty Italian salad dressing mix
2 tbsp. canola oil
1 tsp. light soy sauce
4 cups broccoli florets
1/2 cup cut-up carrot "coins"

Combine pineapple juice, vinegar and salad dressing mix. Mix well. Add oil and soy sauce.

Pour over bite-size pieces of broccoli and carrot. Refrigerate overnight to achieve best flavor.

Makes nine (1/2-cup) servings; 92 calories, 268 mg sodium, 3 g fat, 36 mg vitamin C, 285 RE dietary fiber each.

Turkey's march to grill leaves smoke in its path

An inclination to spend time outdoors draws invitations to eat in the back yard and on patios, verandas and sun decks. It is a great place to entertain at a party, enjoy a family meal or just spend relaxing time in the fresh air.

Turkey — burgers to

outlets, breasts to whole

turkey — is on many

menus. Turkey in

particular lends itself to

smoking. It is a low-heat

method of grilling that

many consider to be "real"

barbecue.

1 (14 to 16 lb.) fresh young turkey
1/4 cup onion powder
2 tsp. allspice
1 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
2 tsp. brown sugar
1 1/2 tsp. thyme
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
5 to 10 wood chunks (hickory or mesquite), soaked at least 1 hour

Beer, if desired

Remove giblets and, if present, thermometer from

turkey.

In small bowl, combine

onion powder, allspice,

cayenne, brown sugar,

thyme, cinnamon and

nutmeg. Gently loosen skin

from meat and rub mixture

all over bird, under skin

and over outside of bird.

Discard any dry rub that

comes in contact with raw

chicken juices.

Refrigerate turkey

overnight until smoker grill is up to smoking temperature.

Prepare smoker grill for cooking, adding wood chips using water pan about two-thirds full of water and/or beer. Bring smoker up to smoking temperature, between 180° and 220°.

Place bird on grate over water pan. Smoke cook about 6 hours or until thermometer inserted in breast reaches 170°.

Replenish water pan and wood supply as needed while smoking.

Note: Smoking is not an exact science, so outside temperature and conditions can affect cooking times.

GARLIC-BASIL SMOKED TURKEY

BREAST
(For use with grill)

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, melted
1 bottle (2 oz.) garlic juice
3 tbsp. cider vinegar
2 tsp. onion salt
1 cup roughly chopped fresh basil
4 cups wood chips, soaked at least 45 minutes
1 fresh turkey breast (4 to 7 lb.)

In deep medium bowl or 2-cup measure, combine butter, garlic juice, vinegar and onion salt to make marinade. Using injector, inject marinade deeply into turkey breast. Fill injector, then stick it into breast meat as far as injector will go; zigzag needle while withdrawing it, depressing plunger while moving it to release liquid. Repeat all over meat. Inject as much marinade as possible; discard any unused portion.

Gently loosen skin from breast and stuff basil under it. Refrigerate breast at least 1 hour, preferably overnight.

Prepare gas grill for cooking over indirect heat. Turn one burner on medium heat and place wood chips in smoker box or handmade foil pan over that portion of grill. Place breast over burner that is not on. With grill lid closed, smoke-cook 2 to 2 1/2 hours until thermometer inserted into thickest part of breast reaches 170°. Replenish wood chips as needed.

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Today's Food

Make no bones about it; lifelong calcium needed

By Carol Schlitt
Correspondent

"Drink your milk" is a common phrase children hear from their mothers, but moms everywhere should heed their own advice, especially during June, which is Dairy Month.

On an average, an American woman consumes 500 to 600 milligrams of calcium daily.

WISE WAYS

That is well below the daily 1,000 to 1,500 milligrams now recommended by the National Institutes of Health as an "optimal" daily intake. That is the amount necessary to maximize and maintain peak adult bone mass and minimize bone loss in later years.

Not only do adult women shortchange themselves when it comes to calcium. More than half of the children and 90 percent of teenage girls do not get enough calcium each day.

If the threat of osteoporosis isn't enough, recent research also has linked low calcium intake to kidney stones, colon cancer and high blood pressure. Getting enough calcium should be a priority.

Food is the best source of calcium because it supplies other nutrients, such as phosphorus, vitamin D and lactose, which help the body absorb available calcium.

Dairy products tend to be the richest sources of calcium.

One cup of milk contains about 300 milligrams calcium and 1 cup of plain yogurt around 400.

Those who do not like milk products can get a significant amount of calcium by eating cooked dried beans, fish with edible bones, such as mackerel and salmon, and calcium-fortified orange juice.

Dark-green leafy vegetables such as broccoli, kale and collards are also good sources of calcium.

Cheesecake is a favorite dessert of many people. This delicious version capitalizes on its assets for good health, as well as taste. It is rich in calcium and much lower in calories than most cheesecake recipes.

Certified family and consumer scientist Carol Schlitt is nutrition and wellness educator with University of Illinois Extension at the Edwardsville Extension

Center.

LOW-FAT STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

- 3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tsp. plus 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. butter or margarine, melted
- 1 carton (16 oz.) low-fat cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup dry milk powder
- 3 eggs
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 carton (8 oz.) vanilla low-fat yogurt
- 1 pt. fresh strawberries, halved

Preheat oven to 325°. Coat bottom and side of 9-inch pie pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In small bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, 2 teaspoons sugar and butter. Using back of spoon, press on bottom and side of prepared pie pan. Bake in preheated oven 5 minutes.

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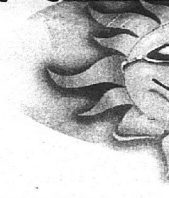
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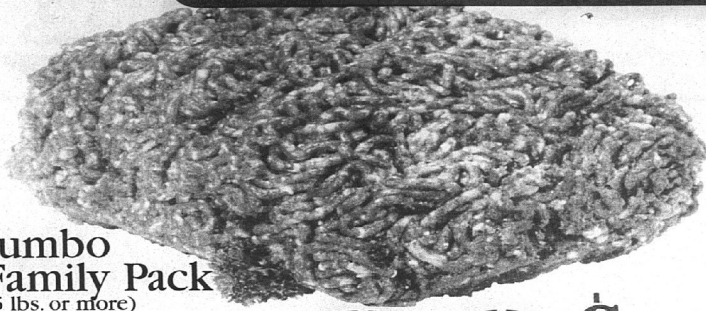
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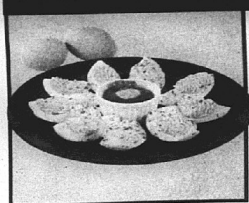
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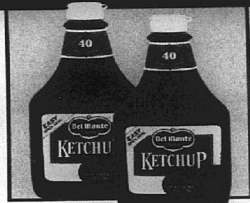
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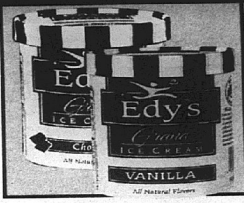
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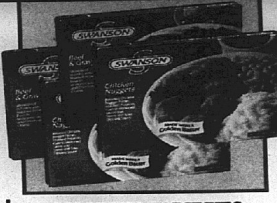
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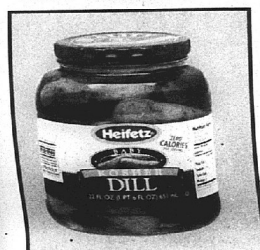
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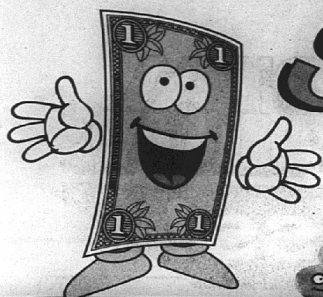
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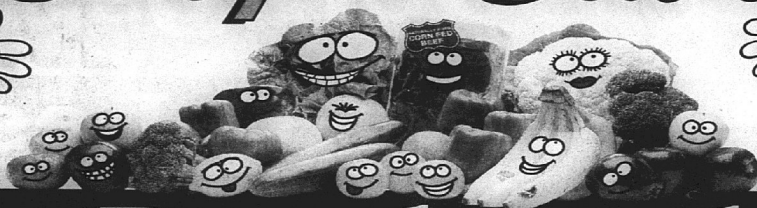
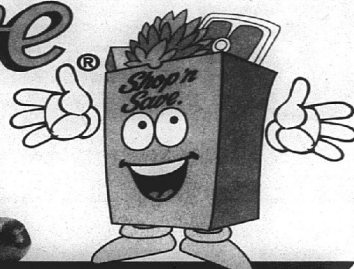
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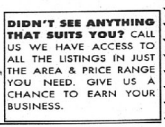
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Revitalizing St. Louis' Souldard Market could be costly

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

In 1965, Sharon Carollo opened her stand at a clean, bustling Souldard Market. Thirty-four years later, Carollo still sells plants and flowers at the stand. But the market is dirtier and not so bustling.

"Business has declined," Carollo said. "The market needs some cleaning up."

One report said market sales are declining 7 percent a year with a vacancy rate of 15 percent.

"Some of the top markets in

the country have a zero vacancy rate," said Dave Visintainer, director of public utilities for St. Louis, the department that oversees market operations.

The price tag to overhaul the market could be steep. Visintainer estimated it could cost \$10 million to \$12 million. Vendors and shoppers were presented some initial plans to improve the market at a meeting organized by city officials June 17 at St. Peter and Paul Parish hall, 816 Allen Ave.

The plans call for a cleaner and brighter market with

better lighting and more exterior signage.

Customers said the market needs a better mix of food. Vendors hope for more parking.

The 70-year-old building that houses Souldard Market also requires roof, plumbing and electrical repairs, Visintainer said. Also, the restrooms do not need federal guidelines for the handicapped, he said.

According to other reports and studies, the market needs to increase its marketing and advertising efforts, provide more cold-weather protection for vendors in the winter, add

more public meeting space on the second floor and improve Souldard Park to make it more attractive for public events.

"We have a lot of issues," Visintainer said. "The market's been gradually declining."

Asking the city to pay for up to \$12 million in repairs might be asking too much, though, Visintainer said.

Souldard Market Restoration

Inc., a non-profit group, has been established to help raise money for improvements.

Alderman Phyllis Young, D-7th Ward, said the group could appeal to charitable foundations and for local, state and federal assistance.

Young said the market might be better off if the city did not run it. She said current management system is too unwieldy.

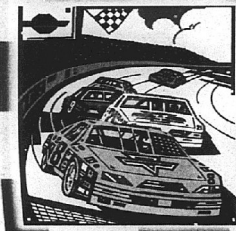
Besides the public utilities department, the recreation department runs the second-floor gymnasium; the parks department takes care of the grounds; the comptroller's office negotiates leases with vendors and the treasurer's office is in charge of parking.

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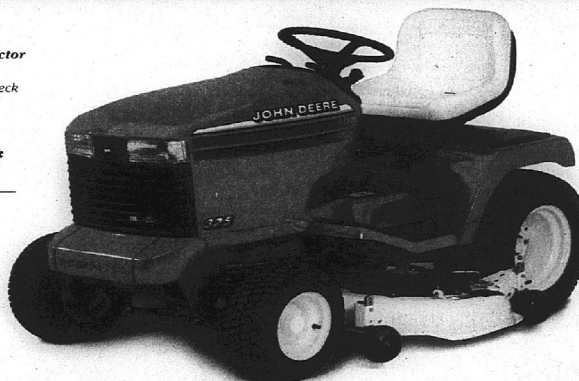
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